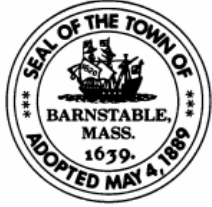


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The Barnstable Golf Committee:

Terry Duenas -Chairman
Mary Creighton -Vice-Chairman
Richard Aliberti
Dan Ginther
Dave Miller
Geoff Converse
Nancy Beauchamp
John Norman, Town Council Liaison

Golf Committee Meeting April 12, 2011

Terry Duenas – Chairman	Present
Mary Creighton	Present
Daniel Ginther	Present
Richard Aliberti	Present
Dave Miller	Present
Geoff Converse	Present
Nancy Beauchamp	Present
John Norman – Liaison	Present

Also present was Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant.

Roll – Call – Recording Secretary takes attendance.

Terry Duenas opens the meeting at 5:33 PM. He wants to thank Trish Otto for taking minutes in the past and being a great asset. He introduces Geoff Converse, Nancy Beauchamp and Dave Miller and asks them to say a little something about themselves.

Nancy Beauchamp has lived in Barnstable for the past 2.5 years, is a recreational golfer and has a background in sports management and public facilities. She had worked for a company called SMG that manages buildings from the Superdome to the former Centrum in Worcester. Currently she works for the Rhode Island Convention Center/Dunkin Donuts Center as Assistant General Manager of Finance and had worked at the Mullen Center at Amherst.

Dave Miller worked at GTE Government Systems and General Dynamics and was Director of Finance. He now golfs here often. He is president of the Members Association and plays golf year round.

Geoff Converse has lived in Barnstable for 11 years. He has covered golf for the Cape Cod Times, Golf on Cape Cod Magazine, Golf Digest and other publications for over 30 years. He spent last weekend at the Seagulls Tournament in Hyannisport. He has been involved with Golf Writer's

Association of America. He now works for the Hyannis Chamber of Commerce as their director of sales and marketing.

Public Comment

Judy Sousa indicates that it is her fourth year working on the beautification project. She talks about the beds out front and around the clubhouse, the grasses, knows that there are people who sponsor the holes and asks if there funding in the marketing budget for the project. She indicates that there is a problem with goose droppings and divots. As to the goose droppings, they thought about moving the swan decoys. She would also like to know if the sand bottles could be filled-up when the carts get gassed up in order to fill the divots. .

Dave Miller indicates that the Members Association will pay for the swan idea. As for the geese problem, it is a mess and the Members Association is willing to pay for whatever it takes to resolve the problem.

Act on Minutes from February Meeting:

Terry Duenas wants to take a vote on minutes. Motion is made by Daniel Ginther and seconded by Mary Beauchamp to accept minutes as presented.

Vote:
All in favor

Old Business

As pertaining to the last meeting, Dan Ginther talks about the commemorative walk. The costs are approximately the same as quoted at the last meeting which is \$826 for a pallet of 4" X 8" bricks. He indicates that Tony Will would prefer two lines of writing, could go to 3 but that it would be busy looking. He wants to have members look at the fonts and give their recommendations. Tony had recommended the Arial 46 font for the etching and that the cost will be approximately \$25 per brick engraved. Dan will email samples of the fonts to the members. Dan explains that previously they had recommended having a commemorative garden for people who have passed away and have now decided to have just a commemorative walkway for anyone. The bricks will cost about \$50 to the public. They discussed where to put the bricks and have somewhat decided to have them as the steps going down to the putting green. He had sent out emails to the members and got a good response. He has several people who have volunteered to put the bricks in and that it will be no expense to the golf course.

Mike Ghelfi comments that there are currently 69 commitments for the bricks.

Richard Aliberti talks about the First Tee School Program. He indicates that this afternoon, himself and Dave Miller, who he would like to be his co-chairman for this program, met with Miss Peterson, the principal, Nancy Brunswick, the PhysEd Director, Meg Drew, PhysEd Director and Mike Sarni another PhysEd teacher. The First Tee Program will be the first time this community will have a competition with the children. It will be on May 26th at the Horace Mann Charter School. There will be 70 participants. The Members Association, with Dave Miller's suggestion, will fund 70 children's tee shirts and 8 adults. He will talk to the tee shirt printer and suggests putting the 9 core values on the back of the tee shirts. Dave Miller indicates that the school takes one core value a month and integrates it into the curriculum. The competition times will be at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 1:30 PM. There will be 8, four man teams and the four winners will be receiving a smaller trophy. Those winners will be representing a homeroom who will be receiving a larger trophy to be circulated every year. Dave indicates that the trophy won't necessarily go to the best golfers but to the people who adhered to the 9 core values which are honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.

Terry Duenas asks Dave Miller if he will serve on the First Tee School Program Committee with Richard Aliberti. Dave Miller agrees.

New Business

- Introduce newly appointed committee members from five back to seven

Terry explains how they had been a seven member committee and had gone down to five and are glad they are back to seven as it helps to do more for the community.

- Manager's report

Director of Golf Operations, Mike Ghelfi, indicates he dropped off the February figures as there was no meeting in March. Both courses were closed in December and January because of snow and ice. There was a deadline about the members using their credit cards in the past but this year they did not put that into effect which hurt the numbers in February somewhat. In March the figures were better but the weather was still wintery. Olde Barnstable was closed a little longer this year. The best weekend was the first weekend in March which they had about a 2 hour wait which was first come, first serve. The first 10 days of April have been good in both facilities. The outlook is optimistic. This coming Thursday is the first tournament which is the Welcome Spring Tournament which is a 9:00 AM shotgun. As of this morning they have 50 people signed up. Also, their teacher from last year, David Donnellan was awarded Cape Cod PGA teacher of the year. They have the plaque in the Proshop in Hyannis.

Director of Golf Maintenance, Bruce McIntyre, indicates that currently they only have a staff of three people who have only been here for just over two weeks. He indicates that time during the winter was spent doing tree work in Hyannis. There was tree work done at the fourth and seventh green, the seventh and eighth hole and the fifteenth green. They took down approximately 100 trees over the course of the winter. They are trying to clean up the area between the 6th and 8th hole. They subcontracted stump grinding out to Barlett Tree from the trees that were cut down in the past three years. In February and March, staff went out and shoveled the course to force an opening in order to get some play. He indicates that the worst area, from the winter weather, is the 14th green in Hyannis which lost some turf. They did not apply any snow mold preventative as a budget cutting method. They are currently doing spring clean-up work which includes mowing starting on March 17th. On April 25th to 27th, they will close the Hyannis course in order to do aerating. On May 2nd to the 4th, they will be closing the Old Barnstable Golf Course to do the same. As to the geese problem, Bruce indicates that the best way to rid them is to get a dog but will purchase swans and put them wherever the Members Association wants them. He indicates that the dog they currently have is only 6 months old and still learning.

The members discuss how to fill up the sand bottles with seed when the carts get gassed. Judy Souza suggests doing a divot day again like they have had in the past.

Daniel Ginther talks about the beautification project and that he has made benches. He suggests sending out emails to ask people to donate plants or bushes. Also, as to the advancement of enlarging the committee and the ability to have a subcommittee, he would suggest they discuss a marketing subcommittee which he would like to head up in order to help both golf courses. Terry Duenas agrees that it is a good idea. Mary recommends adding it to next month's agenda. Nancy Beauchamp would like to volunteer to be on that subcommittee as would Geoff Converse.

Mary Creighton clarifies with the managers about the March fees being divided in half. Also, Mary asks about how the marketing is progressing for the younger adults and how many memberships

they have received. Mike Ghelfi indicates that it is currently up to five. Mary suggests mentioning, on the Town website, the reduced membership fees for young adults and students between the ages of 18 and 25 who are not in school. They talk about marketing to Cape Cod's young professionals.

Terry Duenas suggests, for the upcoming meeting, that the members ask themselves as to what they perceive the committee accomplishing and how the managers perceive what the committee's accomplishments are as to how they interface with the community and how they can be proactive.

Mary asks about 18th tee location. Bruce indicates that they will be meeting with Claudia tomorrow about the bench location, tree location and the tee location.

Richard Aliberti was sworn in and given a form to fill out from the Town Clerk and asks if everyone has done that. Richard asks Mary if she will take care of putting something together for Dave Curley who is retiring in May.

John Norman thanks all the new members for their time and commitment.

Adjourn

Motion is made by Mary Creighton and seconded by Daniel Ginther to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM